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ABSTRACT

This paper is an estimate of the situation in Vietnam on 5 September 1950 stating that the French probably cannot hold northern Indochina for more than a year and a half and that the Chinese Communists will probably not launch a military attack in 1950 though they will continue to furnish assistance to Ho Chi Minh. (Handwritten) Comments by DCI Smith stated "Our view should be corrected to indicate that the contingency is a probability. It is by no means a military certainty. WBS."